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SUBJ: RECIPROCAL PRC-JAPAN FONMIN VISITS

1. PRC AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN CHEN CHUN DELIVERED LETTER FROM CHOU EN-LAI TO PM TANAKA SEPTEMBER 13 PROPOSING RECIPROCAL VISITS BY PRC FM CHI PENG-FEI TO JAPAN AND FM OHIRA TO CHINA AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME. PRESS REPORTS QUOTED GOJ SOURCES SAYING FM CHI'S VISIT WOULD TAKE PLACE IN OCTOBER BUT FONOFF (DEP HEAD CHINA DIV OGURA) INFORMED US DATES FOR NEITHER VISIT YET DETERMINED BUT BOTH WOULD HOPEFULLY BE WITHIN THIS YEAR. OHIRA'S VISIT WOULD HAVE TO FOLLOW EUROPEAN TOUR BUT HE HIMSELF TOLD PRESS HE HOPES TO GO IN NEAR FUTURE WHICH OGURA SAID MEANT THIS YEAR. JAPAN'S AMBASSADOR TO CHINA HEISHIRO OGAWA TOLD PRESS SEPTEMBER 13 THAT CHINESE HOPED OHIRA WOULD VISIT CHINA SOON AFTER TANAKA-OHIRA VISIT TO USSR.

2. PRESS ALSO REPORTED THAT MAJOR OBJECTIVE OF FM
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CHI'S VISIT WOULD BE TO REACH QTE POLITICAL SETTLEMENT

UNQTE OF CIVIL AVIATION TALKS. OGURA DISMISSED THIS AS PRESS SPECULATION WHILE SAYING THAT OF COURSE HIGH LEVEL VISITS COULD GIVE IMPETUS TO VARIOUS BILATERAL AGREEMENTS.

3. COMMENT: CHOU'S LETTER AND VISITS THEMSELVES SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT IN PRC-JAPANESE RELATIONS. COUPLED WITH PROGRESS ON TRADE AGREEMENT AND INDICATIONS OF POSSIBLE FLEXIBILITY ON CHINESE SIDE ON AVIATION AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS, SLOW PACE OF RELATIONS DURING YEAR SINCE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ESTABLISHED COULD FINALLY GIVE WAY TO MORE ANIMATED RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND CHINA.
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